

**USEPA Great Lakes Air Deposition Program
Air and Radiation Division
FY 2002 Request for Proposals**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) invites you to submit proposals for innovative Great Lakes air deposition projects to be awarded with Fiscal Year 2002 Great Lakes National Geographic Initiative Funding. Proposals should relate to one or more of these categories:

- Air Deposition and Source Characterization Monitoring
- Emissions Inventory Development and Emission Factor Development
- Atmospheric and Multi-media Modeling
- Assessment of Effects to Aquatic Life and Wildlife

Proposals should focus on pollutants of concern for air deposition in the Great Lakes region, including but not limited to those pollutants identified under the Great Waters Program, the Great Lakes Binational Toxics Strategy, the Great Lakes Water Quality Initiative, and the Lakewide Management Plans for each of the Great Lakes. Proposals should also provide a direct benefit to the Great Lakes from a regional perspective.

Requirements

Applicants are *strongly encouraged* to read the “Great Lakes Air Deposition (GLAD) Strategy: Priorities for U.S. EPA’s National Geographic Initiative Grants.” This document outlines specific air deposition priorities for the Great Lakes Region. In addition, it offers more detailed information on proposal requirements, responsibilities of U.S. EPA grantees, and the grant award process. Proposals are required to support at least one of the priorities outlined in the GLAD strategy. The strategy is available on-line at: <http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/glakes/glakes.htm>. If you cannot access this document for any reason, please contact U.S. EPA at the number listed below.

Applicants should also consider the Federal requirement that projects involving data collection require an approved Quality Management Plan (QMP) prior to commencing environmental data collection. Extra funds and extra time may need to be allotted for QMP development.

Format

Proposals should be no more than six pages in length and must include the following components: (1) Relevance to Great Lakes atmospheric deposition strategy priorities; (2) Problem statement; (3) Proposed work and outcomes; (4) Budget; (5) Key personnel; (6) Great Lakes region collaboration; and (7) Other funding sources. Succinct proposals are encouraged. Proposals selected for funding will be required to submit a full U.S. EPA grant application by July 15. Grants will be awarded by September 30.

Eligibility

State pollution control agencies, other federal agencies, interstate agencies, accredited academic institutions, and other public or non-profit agencies and organizations are eligible for funding.

Confidentiality

We expect that applicants will only submit non-confidential information, since external reviewers assist in evaluations and since information will be published on the Internet. 40 C.F.R. Part 2 discusses “public information”, including procedures for claiming confidentiality (40 C.F.R. SS 2.203 and 2.204). Note that under Public Law No. 105-277, data produced under an award is subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

Project Clarifications/Revisions

Applicant may be contacted for clarification and for the purpose of negotiating changes in project terms and amounts.

Deadline

Proposals must be received by **March 29, 2002**. Paperless submissions are required. Please submit proposals in either a Word or WordPerfect format to: white.erin@epa.gov

Notification

U.S. EPA will confirm proposal receipt within two weeks. Applicants will be notified about final funding decisions on or before June 15, 2002.

For More Information

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